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Dear Co-Manager,

We would like to extend an invitation to your agency to participate in the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's Lamprey Summit II on May 15, 2008 at the Portland State University Native American Student and Community Center, located at 710 SW Jackson Street in Portland. The Summit will take place from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Attached are an announcement, a registration form and a draft agenda.

Recognizing the cultural significance of lamprey to Native Americans, their biological significance to the river systems of the West Coast, and the recent declines in numbers and distribution of Pacific lamprey within the Columbia Basin, CRITFC has organized this Summit II with the assistance of Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Reclamation.

The first Lamprey Summit was held in October, 2004 to provide a forum for Tribal, State, and Federal executives, managers, and biologists to discuss the main threats to lamprey and to begin to explore how best to address these threats and build momentum toward long-term restoration. The first Lamprey Summit also provided an opportunity to celebrate Pacific lamprey and their value to the Tribes, create a common policy understanding of the conservation needs of lamprey, and seek to establish commitments to address these conservation needs.

Building on the first Lamprey Summit and subsequent actions basinwide, Lamprey Summit II will provide the region with a roll out of the Commission's Lamprey Restoration Plan. The Plan will have specific actions in which the tribes seek regional partnerships, funding, and above all, commitment. The time to act is now. Since the first Summit, lamprey numbers have continued to decline. We welcome your involvement in making this happen.

Agency attendees should respond by returning a copy of the registration form to CRITFC by April 30, 2008. Space is limited. We look forward to seeing you at the Summit. If you have any questions concerning the Summit, please contact Bob Heinith (heib@critfc.org; 503-731-1289).

Sincerely,

Fidelia Andy
Chair

Attachments: Announcement, Registration and Draft Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENT
COLUMBIA BASIN REGIONAL LAMPREY SUMMIT

WHEN: May 15, 2008
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WHERE: Portland State University
Native American Student Community Center

WHO: Representatives of Tribal, State, and Federal Natural Resources Management Agencies

WHAT: The objective of the Summit is to provide a forum for regional resource managers to explore opportunities to work collaboratively on lamprey restoration. A preliminary agenda is attached.

Please return the registration form to CRITFC by October 11. Space is limited. If you have questions, contact Bob Heinith, CRITFC (heib@critfc.org), 503-731-1289).

Columbia River Basin Pacific Lamprey Summit
3/20/08 Draft Agenda
May 15, 2008
9:00-4:00 Estimated Schedule

Morning Session (9:00-12:00)

- Invocation and Introduction
- Oral Interviews -Review of Pacific Lamprey values to Native American Tribes and ecological significance: history of use, legends and traditions, harvest locations, etc.
- Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan Roll Out
- General Goals/Objectives
- Stock status
- Mainstem Adult and Juvenile Issues
- Tributary Issues
- Mitigation Actions

12:00 Lunch. On your own.

Afternoon Session (1:00-4:00):

- Implementing the Tribal Lamprey Restoration Plan
- Update on listing petition and conservation initiative opportunities (USFWS).
- Existing and Potential Partnerships
- Path Forward

Registration Form for

COLUMBIA BASIN REGIONAL LAMPREY SUMMIT II

May 15, 2008

Portland State University
Native American Student and Community Center
715 SW Jackson St.

Please Register By Wednesday April 30, 2008

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

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City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

There is no fee for the Summit. Space is limited.

Please send the registration form to:

CRITFC
Attn: Bob Heinith
729 NE Oregon St., Suite 200
Portland, OR 97232

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